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Knight Captain, A. B. Davis; Charles H. Kochne, Jr., Recorder; meets last Friday eve-

ning in each month.

## Local Matters.

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVI-

DENCE PLANTATIONS.

THANKSGIVING PROCLAMATION

BY HIS EXCELLENCY,

Charles Warren Lippitt.

In harmony with the customs of our fathers, our grateful thanks should be offered for the many blessings vouchsafed us. The labor of the husbandman has been generally rewarded. Beautiful crops successfully harvested have found profitable markets. Gainful foreign trade has compensated the payment of a favorable balance, in trade, and has increased our changeable wealth. We are more than once informed that we have avoided by consideration and firmness coupled with the justice of our contention, Nations' strength to protect the weak has earned the gratitude of a friendly republic. We are a nation of integrity, since nearly all of the people has been rapidly opening the nation's workshops to willing laborers, and promises recovery from recent business depression.

Rhode Island houses have escaped disease, pestilence, unusual poverty and serious physical suffering. Children have progressed in education without interruption. In peace and in health the people have labored to ensure happiness for themselves and for those dependent upon them.

Therefore I, Charles Warren Lippitt, Governor of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, in accordance with the proclamation of the President of the United States, and as required by law, do hereby ap-

oint Thursday, the Twenty-sixth day of No-

ember, A. D. 1896,

A DAY OF PUBLIC THANKSGIVING.

In heartfelt recognition of these abundant

merits, I urge the people of the State to re-

frain on that day from all unnecessary busi-

ness, to meet in their respective places of

worship, and to express their gratitude to

the Author of the Universe. I urge them to unite

about their household altars in thankful ob-

servation of the day, and to renew and

strengthen their family ties so important

to the well-being of the State, and to give

expression to the past and approach the fu-

ture with sentiments of kinship and of mu-

tual support. May the development of the

country be unimpeded by war, and national

differences be adjusted by peaceful and amic-

able means.

Remember that to secure for others a

day of thanksgiving is to follow the precepts

of the Saviour of mankind.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set

my hand and caused the seal of the

State to be affixed to the Proclamation,

this sixteenth day of November, in

the year of our Lord, one thousand

eight hundred and ninety-six, at

the meeting of the State, the two

hundred and first hour, of the independence

the one hundred and twenty-first.

CHARLES WARREN LIPPITT.

By the Governor:

CHARLES F. BENNETT, Secretary of State.

In accordance with their usual cus-

tom, the young ladies of the Flower

Missions will send Thanksgiving dinners

to those who on account of sickness or

lack of means will be unable to prepare

them for themselves. To this end they will

gladly receive donations of any kind and desire the kindly disposed to

send them to Old Folks Hall any time

after 9 o'clock Thursday morning, when

they will be sent out. Poultry, vege-

tables, fruit, flowers, candy, nuts, in

fact, all the accessories of a good

Thanksgiving dinner will be most

gladly received and distributed.

Rev. J. H. Macdonald delivered a

most interesting lecture in the "Life

and Character of General U. S. Grant,"

at the Thames Street, M. E. Church

Thursday evening. It was listened to

by a large and appreciative audience.

The members of the Central Baptist

Church are preparing to celebrate the

church's semi-centennial, which occurs

in January, and have appointed a com-

mittee to arrange a suitable programme

for that event.

The Thanksgiving urban services of

Episcopal churches will be held at St.

George's Church Thursday morning.

WEDDINGS OF THE WEEK.

(Donovan-McGowan).

Beneath clear skies and with weather

almost spring-like in its mildness, the

wedding bells have rung right merrily

this week. Wednesday morning at St.

Joseph's Church occurred the marriage

of Mr. Joseph T. Donovan and Miss

Margaret A. McDowell, daughter of

Mrs. Catherine McDowell. Prof. Louis

presided at the organ in his customary

artistic manner and the bridal party

entered the church to the strain of the

Bridal Chorus from Lobengrin. The

ushers were Messrs. T. F. Martin, C. H.

Sullivan, J. Frank Albright and John

Asher. They were followed by the

bridesmaid, Miss Nellie McGowan, and

the bridegroom, behind whom came

the best man, Mr. William Knowles, who

escorted the bride. The bride looked

charming in a lavender gown of white

ottoman silk, with trimmings of lace

and satin ribbons, her long tulle veil

fastened with orange blossoms, her only

ornament a brooch of diamonds and

pearls, the gift of the bridegroom. She

carried a bouquet of bride roses. The

bridesmaid's gown was of white organdy

with trimmings of valenciennes lace and

white lace, lace and pink ribbon.

Rev. Emory H. Porter will deliver the

sermon at the evening service. Special

musical programmes have been ar-

ranged as follows:

MORNING SERVICE.

Prayer and Holy Communion

Processional hymn, 419, recited twice

Vesper Jubilate Deo in B flat

Introit hymn, 493, first tone

Offertory antiphon, The Lord is Exalted West

Communion service in G

Recessional hymn, 261, first tone

Evening service.

(With orchestral accompaniment.)

Processional hymn, 618

Mass in F major

Nunc Dimittis in E

Antiphon after third collects, The Radian

Morn Hail Faded Away Woodward

Hymn 405, second tone

Offertory antiphon, The Lord is Exalted West

Communion service, 261, first tone

Recessional hymn, 261, first tone

Evening service.

Tableaux and Dancing.

The Young Ladies Society of Trinity

Church gave one of the most enjoyable

entertainments of the season at the

guild house on High street Thursday

evening. The committee in charge of

the affair consisted of the Misses Clara

Melville, Madie Parrish, Daisy Parrish

Lizzie Vose and Nellie Magill and to

them is due the success of the enter-

tainment. The programmes consisted

of tableaux interspersed with a piano

soliloquy by Miss M. Dowling, vocal solos by

Miss Kenney and Miss Hattie Peters,

and a violin solo by Master John

Grecus, which completely captivated

the audience and proved the young gan-

gleman's thorough knowledge of the in-

strument. Miss Etta Melville accom-

panied the young musician and the vo-



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## The Mercury.

John P. SAMSON, Editor and Manager.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 1896.

The official count in Connecticut shows McKinley's plurality to be 63,567.

In the matter of arbitration Great Britain is evidently governed by the size and strength of the nation with which she is dealing.

McKINLEY STATES.  
Electoral Votes. Plurality.

## McKinley's Majority.

The following is the result of the late election. In most of the States the returns are official. There is probably no chance for any change from these figures except that perhaps the official count may deprive Bryan of the one elector he appears to have got. In Kentucky, and there is a further possibility that McKinley may have one of the three in Wyoming:

## McKINLEY STATES.

	Electoral Votes.	Plurality.
Maine	4	26,000
New Hampshire	4	40,000
Massachusetts	15	105,000
Rhode Island	4	33,000
New York	35	273,000
New Jersey	10	77,000
Pennsylvania	32	50,000
Delaware	2	21,000
West Virginia	6	12,000
Kentucky	12	24,000
Indiana	16	18,000
Michigan	14	14,000
Wisconsin	12	13,000
Minnesota	9	10,000
Iowa	13	12,000
North Dakota	6	6,000
California	9	8,000
Oregon	4	2,000
Vt.	1	1,000
Totals	172	1,065,000

## BRYAN STATES.

	Electoral Votes.	Plurality.
Virginia	12	29,000
North Carolina	11	20,000
South Carolina	13	34,000
Tenn.	4	18,000
Alabama	11	33,000
Mississippi	9	32,000
Arkansas	8	27,000
Louisiana	15	36,000
Texas	15	36,000
South Dakota	4	12,000
Montana	10	12,000
Wyoming	3	2,000
Colorado	3	2,000
Idaho	3	2,000
Utah	3	2,000
Washington	1	5,000
Kentucky	1	1,000
Totals	178	118,000

Not a single Northern or Eastern State is found in the Bryan column. Neither can be count on anything in the great West east of the Missouri river, and on the Pacific coast he can count on only one, the extreme Northwestern State of Washington, while McKinley has the entire East, the Middle States, the great West and Northwest as well as three States heretofore considered a part of the solid South, Maryland, West Virginia and Kentucky. A glance at the map will show that States representing more than three-fourths of the population have been carried by the Republican nominee.

## Vital Record of Rehoboth.

1642-1895.

It is a great pleasure to note the fact that this historic old town has found one who has voluntarily taken upon himself the task of preparing and printing such a historic record as this town truly possesses.

Rev. Samuel Newman, its first pastor, was the first one who prepared a concordance of Holy Scripture. The first and last conflict in Philip's war was fought within the limits of the town. It was long the largest and most populous town in the Old Colony, and at one time the most populous town in the State and came within three votes of being made its capital instead of Boston, and had three county members stayed until the vote was taken would have won the honor. Its sons and daughters have been of more than common energy and have distinguished themselves in all walks and professions of life.

The work will be sold for seven dollars to all those who order before the day of issue, in March next, and those who wish a rich feast, genealogically, will do well to send their order to James N. Arnold, Historian, Providence, R. I., or to the publishers, the MERCURY PUBLISHING CO., Newport, R. I., and let them forward a copy when it is issued from the press. The book will make between 700 and 800 pages. It will be printed on heavy tinted book paper, with wide margins, and substantially bound in cloth, with handsome lettering.

## The Right Spirit.

The Southern papers seem to be accepting the situation gracefully. Here is the way the Macon, Ga., Telegraph looks at it:

It is astonishing to meet on every side dozens of men who, having voted for Mr. Bryan, are satisfied, even when they do not rejoice, in the result of the election. This is not because they are not good democrats. It is because, though they did not think it right or wise to break away from old associations and throw off obligations they had incurred in the preliminary action of the party, they are not blind to the dangers to which the revolution in the party at the Chicago convention would have subjected the country in the event of Bryan's election. They may be inconsistent, and illogical in accepting with satisfaction a result they endeavored to prevent, but the circumstances were such that it was difficult to be conscientious and logical at the same time.

The important thing is that the body of citizens who face the new era opened by the election with hope and confidence in the future is far larger than that which supported the republican candidate. This is, in our opinion, a happy augury for the future. We have had for four years an unceasing attack by powerful forces on everything that goes to make our government and social fabric stable, and the result has been a loss of confidence that has brought distress on the country. Confidence will be quickly restored, this evidence seems to promise.

The only two people who bet on the election, and who are both satisfied, are a young man and woman out in Iowa. He bet her a thousand kisses, even money, that Bryan would be elected, and will not be satisfied paying up for two weeks more.

Germany declares that she will re-

turn to recognize the Monroe doctrine,

in spite of the precedent set by Eng-

land. That's very easy to say, seeing

that she has no possessions in the

Western Hemisphere. Otherwise it

might be different.

Following is the official count for

presidential candidates:

McKinley and Roberts (Rep)

Kruse and Sewall (Dem)

Lowell and Jones (Pro)

McClellan and Marcy (Soc. Lab.)

Bentley and Soniatte (Nat. Pro.)

Defective ballots.

Total

## The State Finance and the State's Elephant.

The Providence Journal has at last come to the conclusion that the MCKINLEY formed years ago, that the State is spending too much money. The new white elephant on Smith's Hill, overlooking the odorous Cove comes in at last for a brief mention in its columns. It is now taking the ground all along taken by the MCKINLEY that the building of so costly a structure is uncalled for in this state. It says:

With a lavish hand the Legislature has granted requests for all sorts of improvements. Thousands of dollars have been devoted to the State militia purposes more than ever before. There was a request for \$200,000 for a new State Normal School. Those who pushed the scheme said that \$200,000 was all that would be needed, but as in other instances where the money comes out of the public treasury, there was a big mistake evidently made in the calculations by some one. Already the building has cost twice as much as was estimated in the first place and before a single lesson is taught in the fine structure the State Treasurer will probably have issued checks aggregating half a million dollars. That is the amount the figures fix just at present.

And there is the marble palace, another striking example of miscalculations. The people of Rhode Island have authorized the issuance of bonds for defraying the expenses of constructing the new State House to the extent of \$1,000,000. What has been accomplished as far as the Commissioners having charge of the work has cost the State in the neighborhood of \$650,000. There is a balance in the treasury of something less than \$375,000, and that the amount will be insufficient to continue the work much longer is a well-known fact to those acquainted with the circumstances.

The amount which will be asked for in order to complete the costly building is \$1,000,000. Some doubts have been expressed concerning the willingness of the people to further add to the debt, and it is understood that this doubt is shared to a greater or less extent by members of the Board. Providing, of course, that the proposition is voted down, a pretty condition of affairs would be evolved. The work would be stopped, and the marble palace would stand as a stern warning to calculators in the future.

Although the General Treasurer has permission to hire money to relieve his department, the relief, in his opinion, will be only temporary at best. Something must be done to increase the revenue of the State, and Mr. Clark thinks that the matter will be open for discussion at the January session. Up to within a few years the annual report of the State Treasurer showed not infrequently a substantial balance to the credit of the department. For instance, there was a balance on hand Jan. 1, 1860 of \$176,107.78, and, again, Jan. 1, 1863 of \$104,007.98.

If it were not for the extraordinary expenditures, the revenue of the State would be plenty enough. Last year there was a deficit of only \$90,000, which was made up easily during the month of January. In December of last year the extraordinary expenditures amounted to about \$300,000.

Just to show to what extent the expense of this Commonwealth have increased here are a few figures: In 1860 the State valuation of property was \$111,119,991; the tax was five cents on every 100. In 1865, when the valuation had reached \$359,559,451, the tax was 18 cents. And it must follow that the tax rate will have to be further increased, or some other means of "raising the wind" adopted, if the State expects to pay its debts in the future.

## Fifty Fifth Congress.

Although the official figures of the recent election have not, in all cases, reached Republican Congressional headquarters, the result of the contests in the various Congressional districts is known with sufficient exactness to warrant the announcement of a summary of the political divisions in the House of Representatives in the Fifty-fifth Congress. This shows 207 Republicans, 137 Democrats and 18 Populists. In making this division, the committee has placed among the Populists Messrs. Hartman of Montana, Newlands of Nevada, and Shafron of Colorado, who were elected to the present Congress as Republicans. Also Jebu Baker of Illinois, who was a Republican representative to the Fifty-first Congress. The other Populists come, four from Kansas, three from North Carolina, one from Colorado, one from California, one from Iowa, one from Oregon.

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Upon the question of silver the division is said to be: For free silver 183, against free silver 204. Two of the Democrats are opposed to free coinage of silver—Messrs. McAfee of Pennsylvania and Elliott of South Carolina—and five Republicans favor it—Messrs. Hitchborn of California, Broderick and Curtis of Kansas, Tonney of North Carolina and Bach of Ohio.

The latest telegraph reports from Cuba say that the Spanish troops under Capt. Gen. Wayler were defeated in a recent engagement with the insurgents and that the captain general was wounded. The reports also give a rumor that Wayler has resigned his command of the Spanish forces in Cuba.

In view of England's backdown in the Venezuela matter, and the symptoms of Spain, somebody should call the attention of Alfonso XIII to that prudential wisdom says, "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread."

Doubtless a motion to increase the number of Cabinet positions to about seventy-five would be a welcome addition to the question, in the estimation of a great many aspiring statesmen.

Velvet gloves are all this rage. Velvet is to fact, the material craze of the season.

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## THE ELECTORAL VOTE.

The Final Figures Give McKinley a Lead of Ninety-Seven.

Washington, Nov. 20.—The returns from Big Horn, Wyo., the last doubtful county in the United States to get in its vote, close up the list of that state, which is the last to be decided. The figures now are: McKinley, 372; Bryan, 116, as in the following table:

McKinley, Bryan.

Alabama .....

Arkansas .....

California .....

Colorado .....

Connecticut .....

Delaware .....

Florida .....

Georgia .....

Idaho .....

Illinois .....

Indiana .....

Iowa .....

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## THE WEEK'S NEWS.

SATURDAY, NOV. 14.

Secretary of the Navy Herbert to retire from the cabinet, to accept a judicial appointment—McKinley's plurality in Kentucky is 253—Venezuelan minister to United States talks of a permanent treaty—Secretary Lamont to ask congress to appropriate \$16,000,000 for coast defenses—Bradstreet's report that 203 mills have started up the past week—Possibility that President McKinley will appoint an International Bluejay commission—Opening of the W. C. T. U. convention at St. Louis—Murder and suicide in Lyman, N. H.—Battleship Iowa exceeded contract speed on her builders' trial trip—Permanent Republican national headquarters to be established in Washington—Congressman Boutelle mentioned for position in the McKinley cabinet—General Weyler's forces facing the Cuban rebels—Dr. Max Peralta shot by Spanish soldiers in Cuba—Still in full operation in Boston discovered by the police—Lehman began coaching the Harvard crew candidates—Robert J. Cook already preparing the Yale rowing shell for next year—Unknown steamer runs into, and badly injured the steamship Persia in New York harbor—Body of a suicide found in North Saugus (Mass.) woods—Missouri made a mournful Thanksgiving proclamation—German budget shows expenditures and receipts balancing at \$303,569,419.02—New York's excise law may be amended to the further inconvenience of liquor dealers—Corinne, the actress, provides in her will for the establishment of a Home for Aged Actresses—Tract of 200,000 acres in New Mexico may be stocked in game preserve for millionaire apartment—The Lyman & Kellogg company, furniture dealers, Holyoke, Mass., made an assignment; liabilities, \$34,000—John Cardenay, aged 18 years, attempted suicide at North Adams, Mass., by taking parrot—Harvey Bennett, aged 43, fatally injured by being crushed while coupling cars at Providence—Government is reported to be getting ready to replace the lighthouse steamer Geranium with a new steel screw-propeller craft—Treasury yesterday lost \$33,000 in gold, which leaves the true amount of the reserve \$123,362,588. The net gain in gold yesterday was \$35,700—The Leeper Hardware company of Denton, Tex., doing a wholesale and retail business, made a general assignment—Trial of Mate Bran for the alleged murder of Captain Nash, his wife and the second mate of the steamer Fuller, on the high seas, begun at Boston

SUNDAY, NOV. 15.

Edward E. Taylor of Stoneham, Mass., committed suicide—Hot contest is being waged for the Augustus (Me.) postmastership—Colonel Ingoldsby refused to address the conference of American Secular Union and Free Thought delegation—Bryan speaking again of free coinage—Permanency of Illinois Gold Democrats decided on at a conference in Chicago—William J. Prentiss of Lowell, Mass., committed suicide—General Lee intimates that the president will take important action regarding Cuba—Sea-board air line is to be transferred to a New York syndicate—Two men killed by nitro-glycerine explosion near Johnsonburg, Pa.—Michael Donahue of Boston killed by train in Somerville—B. J. Wefer lowered the indoor record for the 100-yard dash—Reginald W. Prescript elected captain of the Columbia "varsity crew"—Horseless carriage race in England won by American Duryea motor—National grange demands equal protection to farmers—Paper of Spy Jones said to be fakes—Two men killed and many injured by an explosion of dynamite at Niagara Falls—John Cogan, white drunk, fell on a sidewalk at Boston, injured his head, and died soon afterward—James Salmon, while excavating for sewers at Webster, Mass., caught by a falling boulder, which broke his back—William Glencross killed and Charles Cross, gate tender, fatally injured by a train at Salem, Mass.—Strike at the Tudor Iron Works in East St. Louis, Ills., on since Jan. 12, 1895, declared off, and the strikers left the batte—Large quantities of dynamite, gunpowder, caps, cartridges, etc., were discovered near Barcelona—Eugene Sullivan, 63 years old, found asphyxiated in his room at Boston.

MONDAY, NOV. 16.

Relation between Republican leaders the next four years a matter of conjecture—Decision of referee may make Monterrey and Mexican Gulf railway the property of American company—New treaty of peace between Abyssinia and Italy signed—Reported Spanish victory at Novalete untrue—Estate of Bolton, Mass., supposed to have been bought for a summer home for McKinley—National convention of Hebrew women held in New York—Great excess of merchandise exports in October—Major McKinley enjoying a season of rest at home—Alleged bogus book agent, wanted in Boston, arrested in New York—Fire in the plant of the Eureka plaster works, Syracuse; man perished in the flames—Trouble for boxing in New York if Lewis attempts to pull off a Corbett-Fitzsimmons fight—Negro arrested in Epsom, N. H., for horse stealing in Lynn, Mass.—Polish family near Detroit blown up with dynamite—French government has decided to renew the charter of the Bank of France—Schooner T. W. Alton went ashore near Miller's Place, L. I.; all hands saved—Duchess De Ca Cuz, daughter of Isaac Singer, the inventor of the singer sewing machine, died at Paris—The R. C. Mouton company of East Pembroke, Me., made a voluntary assignment—Rev. D. O. Ferris, aged 65, pastor of the Summerfield Methodist Episcopal church in Bridgeport, Conn., died suddenly.

TUESDAY, NOV. 17.

Attempt to blow up an apartment hotel in Roxbury, district, Boston—Maher knocks out Chyncks in six rounds at New York—A. S. Clay nominated for United States senator by Georgia Democratic caucus—Relations between Chile and Argentina said to be again strained—General E. W. Pettus nominated for United States senate by Alabama Democratic caucus—Chancellor Hohenlohe has no information to give about Russo-German neutrality treaty—Opening of the Soule trial for alleged manslaughter in Wiesbaden, Germany—Democrats claim that returns from all counties in Wyoming, except Big Horn, give plurality for Bryan electors—Boston aldermen passed initial orders for the introduction of pipe line system for fire department service—George A. Callahan elected captain of the Amherst (Mass.) football eleven—Death of William W. Bruce, the wealthiest citizen of Lexington, Ky.—First national convention of Hebrew women in New York—Wright Irrigation law of California declared unconstitutional—Western road reports that eastbound business last week was dull—Powers agree to guarantee a new Turkish loan of \$25,000,000—Ilebeknicht, the German Socialist leader, sympathizes with the Turks—Monongahela mills and factories are alive with sounds and sights of industry—Ux Representative Forster of Illinois appointed commissioner of internal revenue—Miss Victoria T.

Arts of Chicago the donor of \$10,000 to the Boston public library—William Shillane died \$50 in the Cambridge (Mass.) district court for selling lottery tickets—Blanco says he, as well as Weyler, has a trocha which it would be fatal to cross—Death of Colonel William B. Jay, formerly commander of the New York Union Veteran's union—Report that several professors friendly to Bishop Keane may be deposed from the Catholic university—Lick observatory announces that the companion to Procyon has just been discovered—Harry Smith and Michael Harton badly injured by falling with a staging 29 feet at Boston.

WEDNESDAY, NOV. 18.

Edward McAleer burned to death in a Boston lodging house fire—Annual dinner of New York Chamber of Commerce made an occasion of rejoicing over national election—J. H. Sovereign re-elected general master workman of the Knights of Labor—Major McKinley will remain at Canton, O., to confer with Republican leaders—Joseph H. Standley declares that he would not accept office were it offered him—Treasury gold reserve expected to reach \$10,000,000—Increase in raw sugar supply despite enormous Cuban deficit—Mr. Bryan to lecture throughout the country—Virginia Gold Democrats and Republicans may unite to defeat silverites—Alexander Stephens Clay elected senator from Georgia—Powers considering a scheme for the financial control of Turkey—Suicide in a church of a prominent Y. M. C. A. worker at Campbell, Mass.—Masked robber criminally assaulted an aged woman at West Pittsburg, Mass.—Death of William T. Dart, president of the Continental National bank, Boston—Southwick (Mass.) farmer attempted wife murder and suicide—Injunction granted against erecting reformatory buildings at Hartford—Star Polster beat Joe Patchen in a racing race in Philadelphia—Yale longing for a resumption of athletic relations with Harvard—Movement for better protection of important harbors on the coast—C. J. Campbell of Nashua, N. H., drowned at Hudson, Mass.—Old board of officers of the W. C. T. U. re-elected—Colored laborers driven out of Altoona, Ky.—Receiver appointed for the Bridgeport (Conn.) Union—Woman suffrage bill will be killed in the Vermont house—George Munroe convicted at Providence of shooting Elizabeth Taylor.

THURSDAY, NOV. 19.

Commander Eaton vindicated by report of commissioners of training ship Enterprise—Plan of local option for Boston to be suggested by the conference of temperance forces in Boston—French chamber voted confidence in the government in the Dreyfus matter—Verdict of suicide in the inquest at London over the body of Mrs. Anna Merritt—Bishop Ormanian elected Armenian patriarch—Strike ordered at the Franklin brewery, Boston—Admiral Iunce's fleet to be kept away from Cuban waters—A. M. Palmer to withdraw from New York theatrical life—Body of rebels dislodged from hills in Havana province—Hannan declares he is not eligible to the office of secretary of the treasury—Fire caused \$1600 damage in South Beach, Vt.—Two incendiary fires at Brattleboro, Vt.—Some of Plant company Lynn (Mass.) strikers willing to return to work—Southern wheelmen want negroes debarred from riding on S. A. V. tracks—Big elevator men of Chicago charged with depressing the wheat market—Gloucester (Mass.) mackerel fishing season closed—Southern New England Telephone company voted to increase stock—Mrs. Adurgson of Lynn, Mass., tried to kill herself—Chicago election officers sentenced to jail—Harry F. Doughty of South Portland, Me., held on a charge of burglary—Nevada contains rich promises of gold, coal and copper—Prince of Savoy will spend a few days in Boston on his way to Halifax—Movement against the fee system to be led by Attorney General Harmon—Roosevelt lost many admirers by attacking and abusing a boxing champion—Tapestry mills of Alexander Smith's sons at Yonkers, N. Y., will be closed next week—Five young Italians under arrest at Boston, charged with robbing a drug store—President Cleveland attacked by a rabbi for mentioning Christ in his Thanksgiving proclamation—Canadian ministerial tariff commission hearing arguments for and against tariff changes—Governor Wolcott appointed Horace G. Allen to succeed A. C. Burrage on the Boston transit commission—Czar petitioned secretly last summer by Protestants of Great Britain and the United States to aid the Armenians in Turkey—Boston fire brokers, Kendall & Buell, said to be unable to settle at once in full with their agents, whom they are understood to owe about \$15,000.

FRIDAY, NOV. 20.

No prospect of an immediate reconciliation between Harvard and Yale—Fencing stallion John R. Gentry sold at auction for \$19,500—Fifty years pastorate of the Rev. Dr. Storrs commemorated in his church in Brooklyn—Du Maurier's personal estate amounts to £47,350—Bill to give municipal suffrage to women taxpayers killed in the Vermont legislature—Rev. Mr. Hull of St. Paul pleaded guilty to poisoning his wife—Child murdered by an aged insane woman at Fall River, Mass.—General Horace Porter discussed as a cabinet possibility—Illinois Republicans hope that Senator Culom will be taken into McKinley's cabinet—First National bank of Sioux City closed its doors—Fitzsimmons repeats that he will not fight Corbett in New York—Alleged filibusters on trial in New York—Commodore Melville calls attention of congress to need of more skilled engineers—Jury in the Soule manslaughter case at Wiscasset, Me., unable to agree—Beet sugar plant to be established in Rome, N. Y.—Grange temple at Cornish, Me., dedicated—Boston water takers remonstrating on account of "additional" bills—Architect John Most to remove his paper from New York to Chicago—Lowell (Mass.) councilman and a stable keeper sentenced for conspiracy—Death of Mrs. Scott-Siddons, the actress, in Paris—Secretary Carlisle not decided that he will recommend any revenue measures to congress—Burglars broke into several railroad stations and cottages between Biddeford and Portland.

Saturday, Nov. 20.

Heating resisted in mass—Boston, Nov. 20—Joseph Bowden, 26 years old, colored, is wanted by the police for causing the death of Frederick Hoffman, a white man, aged 40. Hoffman was in the employ of Bowden at the latter's small coal and wood store in the basement of a building at the South End. Last Saturday, in a fit of rage, Bowden knocked his employee down stairs and kicked him so violently about the head that Hoffman became unconscious, and was removed to the hospital, where he died yesterday. Bowden disappeared soon after the affair.

A Lowell Mystery.

Lowell, Mass., Nov. 16—Catherine Gray, 35 years old, married, was found dead in bed in the room of John Porter, an old army pensioner, at 135 Colburn street, yesterday. The cause of death is not known, and Medical Examiner Irish declined to assign a cause without further examination.

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A despatch from the South says: Some time ago a Fairfield, Conn., farmer's horse was killed by a train on the Charlotte, Columbia & Augusta road, one of the longest lines of the Southern. The man sued the company and obtained judgment for \$119. The authorities of the road were in no hurry to settle, and the other evening the master was put in the hands of the sheriff. When the passenger train arrived at Wimberly, the county seat, Sheriff Elliott and Deputy Elliott were on hand, and while the latter presented a pistol at the engineer's head the former chained the drivers to the track. When the south-bound New York & Florida vestibule mail train came up loaded with passengers it could not pass.

A north-bound train from Columbia was also stopped. The town authorities started to arrest the Sheriff. The Sheriff becoming alarmed at his position, finally removed the chains for the arrested train to be side-tracked.

After a blockade of six hours the authorities paid the claim and the trains were allowed to proceed. All mail and passenger connections were missed. Aside from the probable action of the Postoffice Department, it is said that passengers will sue the county for damages and the engineer will bring action against the Sheriff for threatening him with a pistol.

W. H. Forman, the sound money Democrat nominee for Governor of Illinois in opposition to John Popovat Altgeld, has been appointed Commissioner of Internal Revenue by President Cleveland. This is like pouring vinegar on Altgeld's lacquered feelings.

William McKinley will be the twenty-fifth President of the United States. On the twenty-sixth of February, six days before his inauguration, he will be fifty-two years of age, the same age that Abraham Lincoln was when inaugurated in 1861.

**NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.**

**GUARDIAN'S NOTICE.**  
THE UNDERSIGNED hereby gives notice to all persons subject to the Court of Probate of the City of Newport, Guardian of the person and estate of MAUD A. O. GIFFORD, minor, of Newport, hereby gives notice to all persons having claims against said estate to present them within six months from the date of this publication to make payment on him, and those indebted to him to make payment on him.

R. H. GIFFORD, Guardian.

Newport, R. I., November 21, 1896.

Court of Probate, Middletown, R. I., November 16, A. D. 1896.

ANNE J. PECKHAM, the former Guar.

A person of full age, late of said Middletown, deceased, presents to this Court her first and last account with the estate of said Anne, and directs that the same may be examined, allowed and recorded.

It is ordered that the consideration of said account be referred to the Court of Probate to be held at the Town Hall in said Middletown, on Monday, the 21st day of December next, A. D. 1896, at ten o'clock A. M., and that notice thereof be published for fourteen days, once a week at least, in the *Newport Mercury*.

ALBERT L. CHASE, Probate Clerk.

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JOHN PECKHAM, the Administrator on the estate of

CHARLES HENRY PECKHAM,

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HARRIET N. WARD, Administrator.

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RUFUS H. MARLOW, Executor of the last

will of CHARLES H. SAYFORD, late of

Westerly, deceased, presents to this Court his resignation as such Executor and asks that the same may be accepted.

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ON THIS EDITION, of George Riddle, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, presented this day, praying that letters of administration be bound on with the will annexed.

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**Poetry.****Me Guidelines.**

BY ALICE OEMES.

Sometimes, dear one, in looking over the year,  
To find the past, through sorrow's veil of tears,  
Well clearly shall we see and understand,  
How even in the shadow was God's hand;  
And though our paths were wider drawn,  
Spare us in another's loving, all-wise heart.  
It best did seem, his wisdom guides,  
And though his powers from us hide,  
To see the workings of our path afar,  
To him I turn, the lucky leads I know we tread.  
It may not lead to uneventful dangers ahead,  
But it will be the faith that finds a guide.  
To faint heart whispering, "Fear not, he guides."

**Selected Tale.****BROTHER DYBALL.**

BY W. J. LAWSON.

When a tea-meeting was held at the old meeting house it was the frugal custom to dispose of any superfluous provision by auction. Mumsey, mounted upon a form, with a cake in one hand and a plate of sandwiches in the other, was then to be seen in blithe glory. Malicious persons sometimes remarked that Mumsey's efforts as an amateur auctioneer were much superior to his attempts as an amateur preacher; but they ought to have remembered that he was naturally more at home in selling things than in offering them for doing. Some persons objected to the custom altogether, but others regarded it as the most delightful feature of a tea-meeting. The first were those who gave the cakes and sandwiches, the second were those who purchased them for next to nothing.

On these occasions there was always one episode which to a stranger would have seemed curious and even comic. It was well known that Mumsey acted with deliberate unfairness in knocking down whole traysful of provision to the half price of a single egg.

"Sarah Ann Jenkins has it at twopence ha'penny," he would remark. "Well, I never," grumbled Mrs. Spilow, whose attachment to church and state was never so strong against the seduction of excellent dissenting victuals at a cheap rate, and who, therefore, never failed to be present on these occasions. "I'd ha' given thruppence for it myself. Didn't I call out thruppence, Sarah Ann?"

"You did," said the washerwoman, with gloomy conviction. "I heard ye." "All in good time," Mumsey replied, with his eye severely fixed upon the two malcontents. "It is not meet to take a child's bread and cast it unto . . ." He did not complete the sentence, from a sense of politeness, and as Mrs. Spilow's knowledge of scripture was limited, she never suspected the insulting nature of the omitted noun. "The true-born 'meetings'" did, and grinned gaudily.

"I know as I called thruppence," said Mrs. Spilow, stubborously.

"You did," said Mumsey, thus put on his defense. "But a true haunter don't wait for no calls. He do see a bid in people's eyes. 'Tis the eye, as do it, and I seed 'tuppence-ha'penny in the eye of Sarah Ann Jenkins. Wasn't there 'tuppence-ha'penny in your eye, Sarah Ann?"

"There were," said Sarah Ann, in a voice of timid triumph, as she hastily swept the pile of provision into her ample apron, feeling that this was pre-eminently a case in which possession was nine points in the law.

"'Tain't the voice as does it, but the eye," Mumsey went on, magnificently. "Voices sometimes can't be heard, but, brethren, the language of the eye can't be mistaken."

It was one of Mumsey's chief barriers to perfect success as an orator that his aspirates increased in the ratio of his exhortation.

Mrs. Spilow therupon resolved to fix her eye on Mumsey in such a way that its language should be unintelligible. But here the unfairness of Mumsey became most apparent. He took particular care not to look in Mrs. Spilow's direction again till all the best lots were disposed of. It was not until a sordid pile of broken food was offered that he said benignantly, "Mrs. Spilow has it at 'tuppence-ha'penny"—which was obviously too much. After this manner did Mumsey assert the rights of dissent, and avenge himself for being nicknamed a "meeting."

But the most curious features of these auctions always occurred at their close. The last thing put up for sale was the naked remains of the ham from which the sandwiches had been cut. When Mumsey waved this object of derision in high, there was a pause, and it was clear that something perfectly unforeseen was expected. People nudged one another, but no one, and even the most eager eye was powerless to arrest the situation of Mumsey. Then there would ensue a noise, as of a form crying in the remote corner of the room. The people looked at one another and smiled slightly. Lastly a tall, lean figure reared itself above the crowd, and a weak voice that seemed to have something between a stammer and a giggle in it said, "Brother Dyball will take the ham."

To see brother Dyball step forward with a curious mingling of cowering and dignity, of humility and triumph, and wrap the ham-boar in a clean newspaper which he had brought for the purpose, was a spectacle at once ridiculous and pathetic. It was clear that the man was of weak intellect, and there was something in his attenuated figure that suggested famine.

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Yet one saw at a glance that his countenance and framed as it was, was of better cut and material than was common in Barford. His voice also was singularly pure and high in spite of its hoarseness, and had an indefinable accent of gentility in it. His face was round, the eyes of soft blue like the cornflower, and set deep under shaggy gray eyebrows. The forehead was high and arched, and gray hair was thin, and smoothly brushed over the crown of the head. He stood like a very old man and yet one knew that he was not really old. The shoulders were narrow, and seemed narrower through his great height. He looked something of a scarecrow, but perhaps the suggestion arose from the knowledge we had of his occupation, which was to sit for hours on farm gates in the spring and frightened birds away from the growing crops. He had not been born in Barford, but he had lived there so long no one remembered when he came. He dwelt in a mere hut beside the river, about a mile out of the town and quite alone. He rarely appeared in town except on Sundays, for it was the custom of the Barford boys to absent themselves after him, such as "Look at Dyball's legs" and "Who made your trowsers?" And he knew by experience that the only day when he could pass up Barford High Street without molestation was the Sabbath. The reference to his leg was obvious. They were so long and thin that they reminded one of the shanks of a skeleton, and there was always a foot or so of blue cotton stocking visible between the hem of his trousers and the top of his shoes.

After one of these meeting-houses a Auction I took a fancy to wait for brother Dyball as he came out of the school-room with the band-boar under his arm. It was a clear evening of early spring and I had a mind to taste the sweet air after the torrid heat of the schoolroom, and a sudden interest in Dyball suggested the notion of walking home with him. The full moon was already in the sky, and the earth breathed softly in a bath of silver.

Brother Dyball looked at me with some suspicion as I joined him, for I fancy he imagined I had designs upon the band-boar. To my observation that it was a fine evening he hurriedly replied,

"Where is he? Is he in America? Did you expect him back?" "No, not in America," I replied. "Where, then?"

"In goal . . . in Balshester goal. I never did neither wrong, my William. But they took him and shut him up. 'Tis nineteen years an' three months as three an' nice make twenty, and at twenty they bound to let 'em out. Some times I've heard tell they lets 'em out before the time is up, if they beaves well, an' I've been excepting my William every night this year an' more. Some way I thought as he'd come to-night. An' when I see you settin' there I thought as you was him."

My eye caught the open bible while he was speaking. It was open at the prologue son. That, and the light in window, told his own tale.

"Yes," he said, as if reading my thoughts, "the light's been burnin' ready for on'ry night, an' the bible's been open, for he always wore a good lad, an' fond of the book, I mind when he wore a little chap wi' curly hair, how he'd climb upon my knee and coax me for to read the book . . . An' thou took an' shut 'em up in prison . . . my William, as never did no wrong. Ye said that there mustard and cross a-growin' in the garden?"—this with a look of intense craft.

"Yes, I saw it."

"I've growed it every year since he was took away. I thought maybe as he might come when I was out in the fields, an' it'd be nice for him to see his name a-growin' there fresh an' green. Kinder show he hadn't been forgot. William—an' at the figure of the year since he were took away—that there father in the bible didn't think of that. He didn't reckon that maybe his son 'ud come back when he were out, and no one to bid him stay, an' nothing to show he were remembred. But poor old Brother Dyball should give up half his little patch of ground to no upstart-a crop. The light in the sky was so bright that I could easily distinguish the letters formed upon the soil by the delicate green crop. Standing well back from them, I saw that they spelt the word WILLIAM, and underneath the word there was the number 10.

The next thing I noticed was that Dyball had lit a small oil lamp, and had placed it in the window. As it was not nearly dark this seemed an extravagance, and, moreover, it was curious that he should place it so conspicuously in the window. Suddenly I remembered that often when I had come home late along the road I had seen that tiny yellow star burning in Dyball's house, a mere spark of flame at the end of a deep funnel of blackness. I was pondering these things when Dyball came out of his cottage. He seemed to have entirely forgotten my presence, and was talking rapidly to himself.

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COURT OF PROBATE.—At the Court of Probate held on Monday afternoon, all the members were in attendance, and the following named matters were acted upon:

Harriet N. Ward was appointed administrator on the estate of her late husband, Gilbert L. Ward, and required to give bond in the sum of \$600, with John B. Ward and Charles H. Ward as sureties.

Christopher Peckham, Realtor S. Peckham and Nathan B. Brown were appointed appraisers on this case.

On the estate of Susan Coggeshall, Thomas Coggeshall was appointed administrator and his bond fixed at \$14,000, and James Sweet and William E. Coggeshall accepted as sureties thereon. For appraisers, Stephen P. Weston, Philip A. Brown and William L. Brown were appointed.

The first and final account of Amiel T. Peckham, the former guardian of Charles Henry Peckham, and the first and final account of John Peckham, administrator on the estate of said Charles, were both referred to the third Monday of December and notice ordered thereon.

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St. Joachim, Mo., Nov. 21.—My last bulletin gave forecast of the storms to cross the continent from 22d to 26th and the next will reach the Pacific coast about 27th, cross the west of Rockies country by close of 28th, great central valleys 29th to December 1st, eastern states December 2d.

The winter wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 27th, great central valleys 29th, eastern states December 1st. The cool wave will cross the west of Rockies country about 30th, great central valleys December 2d, eastern states December 4th.

This disturbance comes in the high temperature storm period and warm weather will precede the storm center and these high temperatures will continue through most of the first week in December.

Not much rain or snow may be expected from this last disturbance of November and, for the time of year, the weather will be fine and pleasant.

Temperature of the week ending November 20th will average above normal the first part of the week being colder than the last part. This will be the drouth week of the month—22d to 26th inclusive—and very little rain or snow may be expected.

The forecast for the first week in November was remarkably well fulfilled. The great drop in temperature accompanied by heavy snows and rains came almost exactly on time.

The general changes in weather conditions are often delayed a day or two, or come a day or two in advance, owing to the storm wave being a little ahead or a little behind time.

High temperatures were predicted to move from west to east over the continent during the first days of, and middle part of the first week in November followed by low temperatures that would reach the general north and south line of the Mississippi river not far from the 6th. A great fall in temperature, coming with two cold waves—about Oct. and 18th—was predicted.

A more important forecast could not be made. The coming of freezing weather and blizzards in November are among the most important weather events. The people generally cannot now more correctly describe the past weather than the future weather was described in these bulletins.

The weather bureau of the United States would not accept my challenge to them because they know that they cannot compete with me in long range forecasts.

My challenge is perpetual. I want the national weather bureau to go before the public with me and test our respective abilities at long range forecasts. Remember that this challenge hangs out perpetually and will not be taken down.

My next bulletin will contain a general forecast of December weather. Those desiring the charts must send a 2 cent stamp.

### PORTRIDGE.

The funeral services of the late David G. Gifford were held at his late residence, over Bristol Ferry, on Tuesday forenoon. Rev. John N. Gifford of the Methodist Episcopal church, officiating. The burial was in St. Paul's churchyard.

At the regular meeting of Portsmouth Grange, F. of I., on Thursday evening, twelve candidates were instructed in the first and second degrees. The lecture hour was well occupied with readings, songs and music.

The officers of Eureka Lodge, No. 22, A. F. & A. M., were installed on Wednesday evening by District Deputy Grand Master Benjamin M. Bosworth, of Warren, assisted by Henry C. Clarke, Worshipful Master, — Lincoln Hall.

Junior Warden—Frank R. Tolman.

Junior Warden—W. L. Frost.

Treasurer—John Roberts.

Secretary—H. Frank Anthony.

Chaplain—E. Frank Anthony.

Junior Deacon—William K. Thomas.

Senior Steward—Robert S. Grinnell.

Junior Steward—O. Henry Dyer.

Marshal—John S. Flah.

Seniors—Walter F. Dyer.

Tyler—Frank R. Dyer.

### AFTER THE INSTALLATION.

W. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, Wm. H. Crawley of Warwick, read a paper defining Masonry, giving its origin and declaring its benefits.

District Deputy G. M. Benj. M. Bosworth followed with a humorous speech, and W. G. Lecturer Albert L. Warner and Mr. Henry C. Clarke made brief addresses. Then all adjourned to the hall below and enjoyed the social Boston orchestra of New Bedford for the first half hour. An oyster supper was served in the dining hall of the Guild house, under the direction of Messrs. Herbert S. Grinnell and H. Frank Anthony, assisted by Messrs. C. Henry Dyer, William Brightman and Charles E. Rayney.

The fact that Admiral Solridge has changed his flagship from the Minnesota to the San Francisco is taken as a possible indication that the Mediterranean Squadron will sail from Smyrna where it has been lying for over a month.

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Sealed PROPOSALS will be received by the City Council Committee on Street Lights, at the office of the City Clerk until

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at 5 o'clock p.m.,

for furnishing lights for the streets and City Hall, and for the public buildings for one year to be furnished at rates to be named.

These proposals will be received subject to the action of the City Council, and the right to reject any or all is reserved.

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Newport, R. I., November 18, 1896—J. H.

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